



By the King.

## A Proclamation concerning Royall Mynes.



The Kings most Excellent Maestie, hauing both by the iudgement and opinion of sundry persons of skil, and by divers trials and good experiments, received aduertisement of great probabilities, and assured hopes of finding within his Realmes of England and Ireland, and the Dominion of Wales, many rich Mynes of Siluer and other Mettals, hauing in them Siluer and Gold, which by His Maesties lawes and prerogatiue Royall, do of right belong to His Imperial Crown; and hauing received divers Ouertures and Propositions, for the discouering and

Working the same, hath been pleased (as in a matter of speciall importance for the enriching of his Kingdomes) not onely to commend the same to the serious consideration of his priuie Counsell, but maturely to consult and advise thereon himselfe, and in the end, after many and deliberate debatements thereof, hath, with the aduice of his priuie Counsell, resolued vpon these ensuing Articles.

First, that Leases for one and twenty yeeres shall be made vnder the great Seale of England for any the sayd Mynes, vnto such as wil undertake the same, either in his Maesties owne Lands and soyle, or in the Lands and soyle of any others within either of the sayd Realmes or Dominion, except the Countie of Cardigan.

Secondly, That for encouragement of the said Lessees, they shall hold the same two yeeres from the date of the said Leases free from any rent or payment to his Maestie.

Thirdly, in case the said Lessees shall discouer any such Myne within the limits and bounds conteyned in their Leases, and after opening thereof, the Cleine shall bee found to runne into any other grounds adiacent, and being without the limits and bounds contained in the said Leases, the Lessees shall be enabled to follow and worke after the same Cleine into all other places (excepting Mynes opened by others in the same ground, into which the Cleine runneth, before the discouery made by such Lessees) alwayes allowing vnto such owners and possessors of the ground for the time being into which the

Weine runneth, and is followed, double the value of the damage they shall sustaine any way, the same to be valued by the two next Justices of Peace; & in case that by colour hereof any wrong be maliciously done, then further recompence to be given to the partie grieved upon his complaint to the Kings Maiesy, or the Lords of the priue Counsell, as the quality of the cause shal merit. And the said Leases shall conteine such other ample Priviledges, Clauses and Covenants as shall be fit, and may best encourage the said Workes.

Fourthly, to the intent the said Mynes shall not lie unprofitable, as heretofore, his Maiesties pleasure is, That the said Undertakers shall so prepare and begin their worke with such conuenient expedition, as that from the end of two yeeres after the date of their Leases, they shall allow and pay his Maiesty the proportion of Siluer and other Metall hereafter mentioned, and shall effectually proceede therein with such competent stocke and number of workemen, as the situation, richnesse, and condition of the Mynes shall require, and shall yeeld to his Maiestie from the end of the said two yeeres, the tenth part of all the Gold, Siluer, Copper, and Lead extracted and refined, which shall proceed or come of the sayd Mynes. And for the more ease and expedition of such as shall sue for any such Leases, the Lord Treasurer and Chancellor of the Exchequer within the Realme of England, or either of them in the vacancy of the other, shal and may, without other suit to his Maiesty, appoint the limits and bounds to be contained in each mans Lease, and give order accordingly to his Maiesties Attourney generall. And his Maiesty in fauour to the owners of the lands, within which the Mynes are, is pleased, that they, or such as they shall nominate, be preferred to the sayd Leases before all others, so as they attend the sayd Lord Treasurer or Chancellor, and take the same within three moneths after the publishing of this his Royal Proclamation in the Countie where the sayd lands lie. And in case they doe not attend and take the same within that space, then such persons shall bee admitted to take Leases thereof, as shall first make suit for the same.

Giuen at the Court at VVansteede, the tenth day of July, in the two and twentieth yeere of Our Reigne of Great Britaine, France, and Ireland.



God saueth the King.

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to the Kings most Excellent Maiestie.

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